

every drawing and every instruction for a specific industry.

Some companies and their governments realized faster than others how the manufacturing world is changing. Daimler-Benz is the leader in the auto industry, and it has been supported by the European Community research organization ESPRIT in its efforts to bring enterprise integration to the European automobile industry. It will not be long before every one of the companies which do business with Daimler, ranging from the component makers, to the machine tool makers, to the tool and die makers, to the steel and aluminum suppliers will be able to exchange design and manufacturing information quickly and effortlessly. Airbus has also managed to jump to a major lead on its U.S. competitors in supply chain integration. The U.S. Department of Defense is trying to accelerate enterprise integration among the companies which manufacture defense-related products, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has done standards work in this area for 20 years. Still, U.S. companies are struggling to catch up with their European counterparts and small businesses will need major help once the protocols are in place.

Enterprise integration has the potential to be the most important innovation in manufacturing since Henry Ford's assembly line. I hope we will have your support in enacting the Enterprise Integration Act because it will give U.S. industry the opportunity to be a leader in this much needed technology.

IN HONOR OF MR. WILLIAM
GAMBATESE

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of William J. Gambatese, a business representative for Sheet Metal Workers Local 33 for 12 years.

William Gambatese was the president of Sheet Metal Workers Local 65 before it merged with the Local 33. In his tenure as recording secretary for the Cleveland Building Trades Council, William Gambatese played an active role in project labor agreements and was also active in local government in Greater Cleveland.

Mr. Gambatese's commitment to his fellow citizens came out of a 35-year history as a sheet metal worker. Knowing first hand the metal workers' concerns and needs provided the necessary insight to oversee activism in union affairs, AFL-CIO committees, Labor Day parade activities, and political campaigns.

William Gambatese was totally immersed in his job and was a dedicated representative of all of the membership. Championing the rights of workers was only one among numerous other civic activities. Mr. Gambatese also chaired the Dollars Against Diabetes Society. Mr. Gambatese's life-work encompassed providing "quality" life to those most in need. Never losing sight of what was most important: his family and community. William Gambatese's humanitarianism will endure in

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his wife of 29 years, Linda; daughters Laurie and Jennifer; son, Michael, stepson Donald, three grandchildren; four brothers, and two sisters. Mr. Gambatese was 55 years old.

My fellow colleagues, please join with me in honoring William Gambatese for his lifelong commitment and dedication to workers' rights.

A TRIBUTE TO AMERICA'S LIBERTY SHIPS

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, between 1941 and 1944 over 2,700 Liberty ships were built under President Roosevelt's \$350,000,000 shipbuilding program. These vessels were cargo ships designed to augment the enormous supply needs of the war effort. As the only remaining operational Liberty Ship and the last operational troopship of World War II, the S.S. *John W. Brown* is currently touring the northeastern coast and the Great Lakes to honor the troops and merchant marines who served in WWII.

During the war, the *John W. Brown* served as a standard cargo ship and, after conversion, as a limited capacity troop transport ship in the Mediterranean Theatre and in the invasions of Salerno and Southern France. After the war, the S.S. *John W. Brown* served in unique and critical roles. The ship was first used to move cargo across the North Atlantic to rebuild European cities and nations. Then, in December 1946, she was loaned by the Maritime Commission to the City of New York to serve as a high school. For the next 36 years she was cared for by students and teachers who operated the world's only nautical high school. Because of the ship's light use and regular maintenance by the school, the S.S. *John W. Brown* has remained in remarkable condition for a vessel of its age.

In 1988, the ship was acquired by Project Liberty Ship, a nonprofit foundation dedicated to preserving the memory of the Liberty Ships that were so critical to the success of the war. Project Liberty Ship, was established as a volunteer membership organization with the goal of restoring the S.S. *John W. Brown* to its original operating condition as a WWII Museum and Memorial.

Mr. Speaker, the S.S. *John W. Brown* is on a voyage this summer from Baltimore through the St. Lawrence Seaway and through Lakes Ontario and Erie. This celebration voyage is a fitting tribute to both our troops who gave their lives in the war and those who acted in support of them. I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to our soldiers, our merchant marines and to the members of Project Liberty Ship, who have given their time and energy to preserve the memory of those brave American soldiers who died for our liberty.

July 21, 2000

IN HONOR OF STANLEY EUGENE
TOLLIVER, SR.

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Stanley Eugene Tolliver, Sr., the recipient of the N.A.A.C.P. Freedom Award, this organization's highest honor.

Mr. Tolliver, a Cleveland attorney, was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. As the only child of Eugene and Edna Tolliver, he excelled both academically and athletically. For example, he graduated from the East Technical High School in 1944, where he was the State champion in the 440 yard dash, and having been blessed with a velvet voice, he was the first place winner in the Ohio State Vocal Contest.

Mr. Tolliver continued his education at Baldwin Wallace College, by majoring in pre-law and minoring in music and speech. It is clear that from the start that Mr. Tolliver has been dedicated to tackling interracial issues. At Baldwin Wallace College, he founded the first interracial Greek-letter fraternity, Epsilon, which is now a national organization known as Pi Lambda Pi. Having this passion and love for law and civil justice, Mr. Tolliver knew that in order to make a contribution to society he would need to prepare and armor himself with a deeper understanding of the law. Thus, he continued his law studies and earned his Juris Doctorate from Cleveland Marshall School of Law in October 1969. In the midst of his studies, Mr. Tolliver was drafted into the armed services, where he served in the United States Army's Counter Intelligence Corps for two years. While still serving in active duty Tolliver passed his bar examination in March 1953 and has been engaged in the general practice of law ever since.

Mr. Tolliver's accolades and honors are never ending. His most notable honors include Life Member of N.A.A.C.P., member of the East Tech Athletic Hall of Fame, Outstanding Alumnus Award from Baldwin Wallace College, past president of the Cleveland Chapter National Conference of Black Lawyers, Regional Director of the Conference of Black Lawyers, and former legal counsel for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Mr. Tolliver has also been elected to "Who's Who in Ohio" in 1961, the Cleveland Board of Education in 1981, 1985, 1987, 1989, and 1990.

Mr. Tolliver's efforts to advocate the causes of those who may be underrepresented reflects not only his fearless dedication to his life works, but also his unhesitating willingness to take the unpopular stand for justice. His commitment and devotion to upholding freedom, justice and equity is truly commendable.

My fellow distinguished colleagues, please join me in honoring Stanley Eugene Tolliver, Sr. for his N.A.A.C.P. Freedom Award and in recognizing his many accomplishments and contributions to the community.